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**NOTICE: 2012 IOWA YOUTH SURVEY**

Dear Superintendent:

The Iowa Youth Survey is the most frequently used source of data regarding Iowa's youth. In response to requests of more current data for grant writing and community needs assessments, the Iowa Youth Survey (IYS) continues to be conducted on a 2-year cycle. Please read the entire letter for important changes in the application process.

**The next IYS is scheduled to be administered in September and October 2012.**

The 2012 Iowa Youth Survey will be taken through online survey software following much the same procedure as in 2010. Dates of administration are September 24-November 2, 2012, and, as always, the invitation to participate includes all public and non-public students in grades 6, 8, and 11. The survey administration timeframe is 5 full weeks to better accommodate computer access.

Following the 2010 IYS, we received vital feedback which we have integrated into the 2012 survey. As a result, trainings, all forms and information will be posted on the Iowa Youth Survey website, [www.iowayouthsurvey.org](http://www.iowayouthsurvey.org)

In late March, you will receive an e-mail with a link to an online system to collect participation documentation. This site includes information that was previously collected, including the "Agreement to Participate" and "AEA Data Release." These forms may only be signed electronically, and are due by April 30, 2012. You may save or print these forms directly from the online system. A district contact person must be designated with contact information so that all further information regarding the survey may be sent to that person. *A copy of the "Passive Parental Consent" form will also be sent for your use. The Spanish version is being updated and will be available upon request.*

We are looking for a couple volunteers to provide feedback about the IYS process and how you have used IYS data in the past. This is important as the feedback collected will help inform future IYS questions, report formatting, and training/technical assistance opportunities. These volunteers will participate in one telephone call that will last no longer than 30 minutes. You may participate in this process, or identify someone else (such as a building principal, counselor, or grant writer) to participate. We will provide you with the questions at least one week in advance, and all of your responses will be kept confidential. If interested, please contact Linda McGinnis at the Iowa Department of Public Health at [linda.mcginis@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:linda.mcginis@idph.iowa.gov).

For questions about the 2012 Iowa Youth Survey, please contact Linda McGinnis at the Iowa Department of Public Health at [linda.mcginis@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:linda.mcginis@idph.iowa.gov).

Thank you for your interest and participation in the Iowa Youth Survey.

Sincerely,

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